

 <b>St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY <hr/> Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.	<b>The Catholic Community of Alexandria</b> 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670  pastor@stcyrils.org <a href="http://www.stcyrils.org">www.stcyrils.org</a>  <b>Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor</b> <b>Bernard Slate, Deacon</b> <b>Joel Walentuk, Deacon</b>	 <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> 28685 Butterfield Lake Rd Redwood, NY <hr/> Sunday 8:30 a.m.
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**Liturgy Schedule for Week of December 23, 2018**

**Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018**      *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
 5:00 p.m.      Keith Irwin by John & Melinda Comstock

**Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018**  
 8:30 a.m. (SFX)      Joseph Cullen, Sr. by Dolores Mahlbacher  
 10:00 a.m.      Madeline Millett by Deacon Bernie Slate

**Monday, Dec. 24, 2018**      *Christmas Eve*  
 5:00 p.m.      The Members of our Parish Family      (SC)  
 7:00 p.m.      The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)      (SFX)

**Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018**      *Christmas Day*  
 10:00 a.m.      The Intentions of the Celebrant      (SC)

**Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018**  
 8:00 a.m.      *No Liturgy*

**Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018**  
 8:00 a.m.      The Intentions of Margaret Ringer by the Topa Family

**Friday, Dec. 28, 2018**  
 8:00 a.m.      Anna Mae Hurley by the Family

**Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018**      *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
 5:00 p.m.      Robert, Roxanne and LouAnn Beach by Dorothy Beach

**Sunday, Dec. 3, 2018**  
 8:30 a.m. (SFX)      All of Our Parishioners  
 10:00 a.m.      The Intentions of Gail Healey by the Choir

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 – 8:15 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church</b>

**Retirement Plan for Priests**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 37 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$872,000 in 2018-19. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say thank you to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

**Our Stewardship**

December 7 - 9, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,616.00	Christmas Flowers	\$95.00
Plate	\$681.00	Religious Retirement	\$55.00
Youth		Priests' Retirement Fund	\$1,950.00
Electronic Giving	\$319.21	Fuel Collection	\$1,122.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,616.21</b>	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	16,169.80
Last Year	\$2,959.00	Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year	\$20,210.43

## Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas

In this final week of Advent, we focus on PEACE.

Today we light the fourth and last purple candle, often called the Angels Candle. “And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.’” [Luke 2:13-14]

Peace is mentioned about 429 times in the Bible, the first being in Genesis 15:15 (talking to Abram), “You, however, shall join your forefathers in peace; you shall be buried at a contented old age.”

Peace can be defined as tranquility, harmony or security. Or it can mean prosperity or well-being. There are different types of peace, including false peace, inner peace, peace with God and peace with man.

In the Old Testament, the primary word for peace is *shalom*, referring to relationships between people, nations and God with men. Peace was the standard greeting, still in use in many cultures today.

In the New Testament, the primary Greek word for peace is *eirene*, referring to rest and tranquility (Peace on earth, Prince of Peace, Lord of Peace).

Jesus made His peace and the world’s vacillating peace: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” [John 14:27]

We have a wonderful promise in Philippians 4:7: “Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” God’s peace is promised to guard those who pray, with thanksgiving, about everything. This peace will transcend our ability to understand it.

And, finally, on Christmas Eve, the white center candle is lit. This candle is called the Christ Candle and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. White represents purity, for Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow: “Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool.” [Isaiah 1:18]

May hope, faith, joy and peace be yours this Christmas and always.

*Judy Pearson*



## **It’s Our Church, It’s Our Future**

**CONGRATULATIONS! Our support of our Capital Campaign continues to rise!**

**As of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 95 donors have pledged or given \$212,395.00 and we will have more to report.**

**As you will recall, our goal was \$201,724.00 and 75% of that after the Bishop’s Fund goal stays in our Parish.**

**Sincere thanks to all who have participated to date; there is still time if you are able.**